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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TETSUYA YANO

Application No.: 09/430,029

Filed: October 29, 1999

For: DNA FRAGMENT CARRYING
TOLUENE MONOOXYGENASE GENE,
RECOMBINANT PLASMID,
TRANSFORMED MICROORGANISM,
METHOD FOR DEGRADING
CHLORINATED ALIPHATIC
HYDROCARBON COMPOUNDS AND
AROMATIC COMPOUNDS, AND
METHOD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
REMEDATION

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated May 19, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.